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Subject: RE: due at 3 pm -FW: URGENT: PFAS media inquiry DDL 3pm

Right, thanks.

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Looks ok to me. Doesn't seem like it touches us directly.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2019, at 3:10 PM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

Tala was fine with this/had nothing to add. Will send on soon.
OW drafted the below response and asked that OCSPP and OECA review it given your work in the Cape Fear river.

From: Sauerhage, Maggie
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Hi there – can you all please review the below Q&A given your work in Cape Fear river and let me know if it's okay by **3pm**? Note that this language is directly from table 1 of the PFAS Action Plan.

I know Mr. Ross said it includes a plan for clean up efforts. However, does the EPA have recommendations for states regarding how companies discharge these chemicals? Our environmental regulators in Alabama allow a company to dump an unlimited amount of the chemicals from their plant directly into the Tennessee River.

To reduce PFAS releases into ambient waters and sources of drinking water, EPA will determine if available data and research support the development of Clean Water Act Section 304(a) ambient water quality criteria for human health and aquatic life for PFAS. When adopted by states and tribes as water quality standards, criteria can be used to set permit limits on discharges to a waterbody and to determine if a waterbody requires cleanup to protect human health and aquatic life.

EPA will also examine available information and beginning in 2019 seek additional information from industry to explore identification of industrial sources that may warrant potential regulation through national ELGs to be described in preliminary ELG plan 14 (2019). ELGs require that a technology based, minimum level of control be applied to any NPDES permit for direct discharge to waters or be directly applicable for indirect dischargers. These will also allow responsible parties to be held accountable for PFAS releases into the environment.

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From: Sauerhage, Maggie
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Subject: PFAS media inquiry DDL 3pm

Hi Jackie – media inquiry from WHNT News 19 out of Alabama below. Can you please work on the two highlighted questions below? OW is answering the last one. Deadline is 3pm today. Thanks!

Assistant Administrator Dave Ross said that the plan will contain information regarding remediation information. Is this something that will be given to states?

I know Mr. Ross said it includes a plan for clean up efforts. However, does the EPA have recommendations for states regarding how companies discharge these chemicals? Our environmental regulators in Alabama allow a company to dump an unlimited amount of the chemicals from their plant directly into the Tennessee River.

Also, I know the EPA traveled to several states while developing this plan. Was Alabama one of them? If not, why?

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